Man says his father shot JFK

He contends Oswald wasn't trigger man

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A Midland man has told officials of a Dallas assassination exhibit that his father, a former Dallas police officer, helped kill President John F. Kennedy.

Ricky White, 29, has told the directors of the JFK Assassination Information Center in Dallas that his father, Roscoe White, was involved in the assassination and that Lee Harvey Oswald never fired a shot, although he was involved in the plot.

Larry Howard, co-director of the information center, said Sunday that Mr. White would attend a news conference Monday at the center to discuss his claims.

Mr. White has "a tremendous amount" of documentation to support his story, Mr. Howard said.

"I can tell you that we have enough evidence here that the (U.S.) attorney general and the American people ought to demand to reopen the case," Mr. Howard said. "The information that we have, the documents, the pictures

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— it's so important to the Kennedy assassination case that somebody needs to pick it up here and investigate what we've come up with."

The JFK Assassination Information Center is in the West End MarketPlace. Mr. Howard says the center has "the largest exhibit in the world on the conspiracy and cover-up in the John F. Kennedy assassination."

The center has a research and archives section, a bookstore, a small movie theater and an exhibit featuring photographs and documents connected with the 1963 assassination, Mr. Howard said. The center charges a fee for exhibit tours.

Mr. White, an unemployed oil equipment salesman, contacted the center's director of research about a year ago, Mr. Howard said. "We get a lot of calls and a lot of inquiries, but we've never had anything quite like this," he said.

Mr. White then cut off communications with the center until he called again recently, Mr. Howard said. The research director "just kind of kept it quiet and waited for Ricky White to make contact with him again," he said.

According to a story in Sunday's *Austin American-Statesman*, Mr. White says he can prove that his father fired two of the three shots that killed Mr. Kennedy on Nov. 22, 1963. He contends that his father also killed Dallas police Officer J.D. Tippit during the search for Oswald.

Mr. White said his father wrote details of the assassination in his diary, which is now missing. But he said he has records showing that his father and Oswald served together in the Marine Corps, and he said he has a rifle that uses the same kind of ammunition that Oswald's weapon used.

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Mr. Howard would not discuss details of Mr. White's claims Sunday. But he said that the center works "from the premise of truth."

"Whatever we have is documented and factual," he said. "We have the documents and the pictures in our exhibit area, and we let the people walk through and decide for themselves."

The Associated Press contributed to this report.